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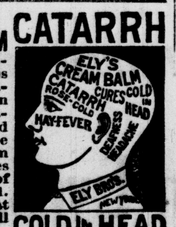

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## General News.

A. D. Harbe was killed by his horse at Bryan on the 14th inst.

Bonham will vote on local option again March 13.

Johnson county, Texas, will vote on local option March 11.

Mrs. Hazel Davis died from an overdose of morphine in Dallas on the 11th inst.

John Walner shot and killed Bill Lewis at Wynwood, I. T., on the 12th inst.

Friday, the 12th inst, was Lincoln's birthday and was celebrated in many parts.

At Bowling Green, Ky., Bill Alford shot and killed Dave Meredith.

Gen. Joe Shelby of Missouri is dead. He was a dashing confederate cavalry leader.

F. M. Forrester was given a life sentence in the penitentiary at Belton last week for rape.

Corsicana made her first petroleum shipment last week. This is a new industry for Corsicana.

Postmaster-General William L. Wilson has been tendered the presidency of the Washington and Lee university.

A Katy fireman named John Wilson living at Denison shot and killed Thomas Tomlinson at South McAlister Friday.

Mrs. Harriet E. Long and son of Kaufman county died of pneumonia and were buried in the same grave last week.

Four more cars of horses left Sweetwater, Texas, on the 12th inst for the Spanish army in Cuba.

The Merchants' National bank of Helena, Montana, with a capital stock of $350,000, failed last week.

Freeman mine at Gouverneur, N. Y., caved in last week, entombing eight miners. Six were horribly mutilated.

Gov. Stephens of Missouri has appointed Chairman Roselle of the state populist committee to be labor commissioner.

Ab Brooks was brought to Lockhart, Caldwell county, Tex., last week on a charge of killing his father-in-law fourteen years ago.

Citizens of Newton county, Texas, held a mass meeting last week and issued an appeal to the state for help. Their corn crop last year was a total failure.

The little 7-year-old daughter of Lee Padgitt fatally shot herself at Gatesville, Texas, Sunday with a gun which had been carelessly left within her reach.

The dead body of an old man named Zwicke who disappeared twenty-five days previously was found in the Brazos river by some fishermen.

John R. Tucker, the great Virginia lawyer, is dead. He held many positions of trust and honor and was one of Jefferson Davis' defenders.

W. Galaways, aged 85, fell on a defective sidewalk while returning from church in Perkins, Okla, and sustained injuries from which he died.

The inventory of the estate of the late Joseph B. McCullah filed for probate in St. Louis last week shows the great editor to have been a millionaire.

Millionaire J. D. Rockefeller will pay off $250,000 of the $486-000 indebtedness resting upon the Baptist foreign and home missionary societies.

Because of ill health Richard L. Sharp, president of the Keystone lumber mills, St. Louis, and a wealthy and prominent Mason, committed suicide on the 12th inst.

Marian, the youngest of President Cleveland's three daughters, was christened at the White House on the 11th inst. The ceremony was the brief, impressive one of the Presbyterian church. Dr. Sutherland, the president's pastor, officiated.

At Barboursville, Ky., last week Aaron Acelinger, an 18-year-old boy, shot and killed his father. The boy had a pistol and the father demanded that he surrender it. The boy angrily exclaimed, "I'll give you this much of it," and fired the bullet through his father's head.

## A DOCTOR'S VISIT.

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## Marriage Bells.

Recorded in the county clerk's office, McKinney, Tex., for week ending Feb. 12:

B. W. Hudson and Mary Murphy.
H. O. Baker and Julia Parks.
W. M. B. Butcher and Mrs. Lizzie Benge.
O. H. Sasse and Martha H. Thorn.
R. B. Thompson and V. J. Mosley.
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T. C. Pedigo and Emma Morris.

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## Mr. Gage Reviewed.

The calling of Lyman J. Gage to the head of the treasury department only serves to darken an already gloomy outlook. This eminent banker, prominent in a city next to New York in wealth, is bitterly opposed to the income tax through which it was sought to reach such as he, who avoid by every device in their power, their just contribution under direct taxation. "This is the most vicious of class legislation," exclaims this paragon of virtue, with righteous indignation at the moral depravity that demanded this reform, which but adds significance to the fact, that unlimited gall is all sufficient for uny emergency. Mr. Gage is one of that favored class in Chicago—bankers, brokers and managers of trust companies—whose consciences are so elastic that all of them combined rendered for taxation for 1896 the insignificant sum of $43,000 as the total cash held by their institutions, in that great commercial center. Think of it! Banks capitalized in the hundred thousands, and millions, rendering, all of them combined, only $43,000 cash for taxation! And, it is as president of one of these institutions, that Mr. Gage resigns to take charge of the treasury portfolio, in order that we may have a "business administration" of the affairs of that department; Mr. Gage is a "business man." In a more recent interview in the New York World we have Mr. Gage's views on finance and as a remarkable exhibit in financial lore, it surpasses anything in the past and reveals the insincerity, at heart, of all the financial legislation these men have advocated in the past to fool the people. But now declares Mr. Gage in this interview: "It is necessary that all disguises be pulled aside and the real facts appear." Thus it is after having fooled the people into a position where they are powerless to help themselves, Mr. Gage advocates the heroic treatment of turning upon them and revealing for the first time the true meaning of the money power and giving them to understand what's what. In the next breath he tells them "what's what" in short order; and that is that: "There is in truth only one real money—metalic coin." This simply means that heretofore this same crowd has been telling the people "anything was money that served to make exchanges," while they dilated upon the glories of the national bank note as the ideal currency, and counted up $22 to $24 per capita of this and other disreputable stuff—Mr. Gage calls promises to pay—to show what infamous liars and calamity howlers we were when we dared to question the truth of these statements, and to assert that the country needed more money.

But Mr. Gage, the secretary of the treasury to be, has said it, nothing but "metallic coin is money." It may be "gold or silver" not gold AND silver, mark you. One only can be money, and all "other moneys are but promises to pay," says Mr. Gage. This eminent logician as well as banker (I say logician because the World defines his harangue as "money lucidly defined"—the World might have meant "loosely" instead of "lucidly") wants to retire all the government paper, sell the silver bullion and increase the elasticity of the national bank act to a parity with the elastic conscience of the bankers. This would be inflation. But Mr. Gage is sensitive to nothing of this sort, as long as it's going his way, and his way, according to his own confession, "that it's time to throw aside disguises," has not been the people's way, nor the people's interest. Either the people of this country are incapable of self government, or there's no necessity for "disguises" such as Mr. Gage declares should now be "pulled aside that real facts may appear." Either the principle of republican form of government is wrong or Mr. Gage and his class are right, but too cowardly to advocate monarchial government, or else perhaps the time for throwing aside this latter disguise, is in the future.

If the people are not intelligent enough to grasp the import, unwittingly revealed in such interviews as these, the writer will incline to the opinion that Mr. Gage is right and will justify in government as well as in business the right of every man to look out for himself, trample down whom he may, and use the strong arm of law and legislation the more effectively to promote his purpose. In other words inaugurate the reign of everybody for himself and the devil take the hindmost, as quick as possible.

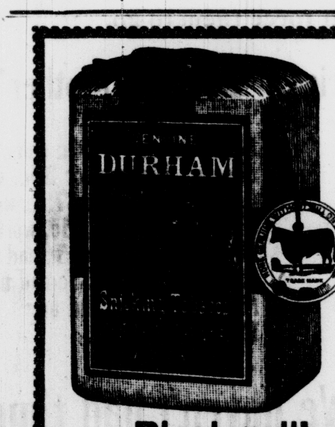
Mr. Gage's utter indifference or want of sympathy for the condition of the producing classes, as well as his conscious knowledge of the power that resides in the hands of the bankers, is shown in all its hideousness in his answer to the World's question: "Whether he thought the national banks could have borne the demand for gold of the past three years better than the United States treasury if the greenbacks had been retired." Mr. Gage's answer is significant. In so many words he acknowledges that the foreign demand for gold would have to be supplied. That bank notes would be presented for redemption to obtain the gold, as greenbacks were presented at the United States treasury for the same purpose. But if the demand proved continuous the banks would protect themselves by calling in maturity loans—a contraction of general credits, under which prices of exports would fall until foreign creditors would see the advantage of taking our cotton and wheat at these reduced prices in preference to gold. This is a very inviting picture for our farmers. The banker to protect his gold, just contracts general credits a little, makes money tight, tells the foreigner we will give you cotton and wheat at reduced prices by squeezing the farmer.

And this is the kind of an engine of oppression bank corporation are. Mr. Gage not only declares that they have the power to depress values, but without any reservation he declares they will use this power whenever occasion demands for self protection. His language means this or it means nothing; and I defy any advocate of the gold standard to controvert these statements. When it is analyzed to the core it may be doubted whether anywhere there may be found a more brazen disregard for the wellfare of the common people; than is exhibited in this official utterance of the man who for the four years to come; will fill the most important and responsible trust this government can confer upon any of its subjects. It opens a question of far-reaching magnitude which ultimately will demand a settlement, in which it will be determined whether the highest official positions of this republic are to be filled with men, moved solely by the selfish desire of controlling the vast machinery of government to the enrichment of themselves and friends.

C. E. OBENCHAIN.

## Texas Live Stock Association.

The sixth annual convention of the Texas Live Stock Association will convene in San Antonio on Monday, March 8. This association was organized in the interest of the growers of cattle, horses, sheep and swine, and it has steadily grown in numbers and in influence year by year. A very interesting program has been prepared for this meeting which will be carried out in full. The subjects for discussions have been assigned to capable men and much interesting information will be obtained by those who are fortunate enough to attend.



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## Real Estate Transfers.

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Campbell W L, exe est Jacob Routh, dc'd, to E J Stone 60 a, Jacob Routh sur, $1800.

Adams R B A et al to M A L Adams, land exchange.

Dorsey J A and wife to J F Barker, lot in Weston, $60.

Havil Geo B et al by sheriff W S Coffey to Almarine Wilson, 73¼a, Jno Russell sur, $879.

Fewell W R et al to Almarine Wilson, 114 84-100a, David Cherry sur, $2296.80.

Bush H L et al to James R Herndon, power of attorney to wind up est of Edward M Bush, deceased.

Brewer J W and wife to J P Brewer, undivided ½ int in 63a, M C Vela sur, $897.75,

Hays Amanda J and husband to Knox & Welch, 2 lots in Plano, $200.

Davis & Thompson to F M Shewmake, lot in Davis addition to city of McKinney, $150.

Scott L A to J B Buford, 40a, Thomas McClanahan sur, $440.

State of Texas to Annie H Connelly, 80a, university land, patent.

Abernathy & Beverly, Smith & Evans, to D. King, 30a, J. C. Neil sur, $10 and release of vendor's lien on 62a.

Woolbright Joe and wife to D. King, 30a, J. C. Neil sur, $800.

Stone E J and wife to Henderson Farris, 80a, sur No 14 Collin county school land, $850.

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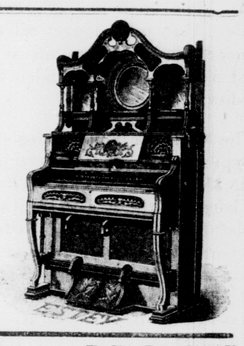

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NEVADA is now styled "the last rallying point of the toughs."

Fort Worth is to have a city democratic primary election on March 20.

THE Bankrupt bill is now being discussed in the senate of the United States.

THE National Press Association convened in Galveston Feb. 16. About 400 editors were present.

DURING the discussion of the fellow servant's bill in the Texas Senate Tuesday, Senator Gough of Collin, presided in the absence of president Jester.

BRIBERY is a grave offence. So grave is it, that the statutes provide every recourse to the accused for redress before the courts of justice.

A BILL has been reported favorably by the committee on constitutional amendments in the Texas legislature to make the term of county officers four years instead of two years.

THE Southern Mercury says it "has the evidence plain and simple" of "Cat Apple" Blake's guilt. The challenge is openly made. How much longer will the democracy of Texas retain at its head a man resting under the shadow of such a crime?

The Nebraska populist legislators propose to cut their own pay from $5 to $3 per day and reduce the length of the session from sixty to forty days. Mr. Walters democrat, has introduced a resolution which seems likely to pass the democratic legislature of Texas to submit a constitutional amendment by which the term will be increased to four years and salary increased to $1000.

DR. Arthur Duestrow was hung at Union Mo. on Tuesday, Feb. 16. The crime was that of shooting and killing his wife, after which he grabbed his two year old son and held it against the wall with one hand and shot two bullets through its body with a revolver in the other hand. The murder was committed in St. Louis on Feb. 13, 1894. Duestrow was a millionaire.

## COUNCIL MEETING.

### Big Batch of Business Dispatched. Stand-pipe Site for City Waterworks.

The city congress met Tuesday night with a full board present and proceeded to dispose of quite a batch of business.

Mayor Pearson presided and City Clerk Dowell was also at the desk, having been absent at the previous meeting from sickness. Marshal Burks, city assessor and collector Davis, City Treasurer Sims, Recorder Bowlby and Supt. Smith of the city schools were interesting spectators on the proceedings and occasionally were called on to enlighten the "city fathers" on matters of their particular official functions in the administration of municipal affairs. Reports approved by the proper committees were presented, received and filed as follows:

Treasurer's, Marshal's for ward No. 4.; Recorder's report No. 10, Marshal's report No. 10; Assessor and Collector's report No. 9, Kelly Worsham's street report, and fee report by Alderman Emerson.

ACCOUNTS ALLOWED.

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| J. P. Dowell | $35.20 |
| T. T. Emerson frt bill | .52 |
| J. E Moore | 1.00 |
| Hill & Webb | 28.25 |
| McDowell & White | 3.60 |
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| W. P. Suttle | 2.90 |
| Yancy Powell | 15.90 |
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| Bob Worsham | 22.00 |
| F. M. Warden | 48.75 |

The council then instructed Kelly Worsham to report to Alderman Emerson, each day, the number of convicts fed by the city, and authorized the mayor to issue his proclamation for a city election April 6 to elect a mayor, five aldermen and a city engineer.

A $60 feed bill was allowed for ensuing month.

For committee appointed at last session of council to select stand-pipe site for city water works Mayor Pearson reported proposition of Mrs. Webb to sell a suitable lot on South Tennessee street for $250.

Mayor Pearson was thereupon empowered to have prepared an abstract to said lot satisfactory to himself, which if he could do, to close the deal according to terms of proposition.

Mr. Herndon reported for special committee appointed at previous session to look after the city's interest in the Board street controversy.

Mr. Emerson, for waterworks engine committee, reported matter of accepting the engine now in use still pending.

The mayor appointed Mr. Shain to the vacancy on the school board occasioned by the resignation of Mr. Wilcox. The board is now composed of Aldermen Herndon, Moore and Shain. A rebate of $4 taxes was granted Mrs. Worsham on over-rendition to the city assessor.

A numerously signed petition was spread before the council asking for the opening of East Standifer Street and a counter petition was presented by Nelson Brooks and wife protesting against opening said street. Both petitions were referred to the street committee.

This meeting being the regular time for setting taxes, upon motion the total city taxes was left at $1.00 on the hundred. The road or street tax of $2 remains the same as, also, does the schedule of occupation taxes, and city poll tax.

At the suggestion of Assessor and collector Davis the council decided to pass an ordinance conforming to state statutes in the matter of collecting occupation taxes from insurance companies. The ways and means committee was directed to draft the same for presentation to the council. The council then resolved itself into a school board and transacted some business of minor importance. Supt. Smith was present and took occasion to remind the "dads" that the growing city would require at no very distant day additional school facilities and that it would be well for them to keep this fact in view.

Trouble has developed between Greece and Turkey. The Christian inhabitants of the island of Crete and the Mohammedans are at war with each other and King George of Greece has sent young Prince George in charge of a Grecian Flotilla from Athens to the island for the purpose of protecting the Christians from the Turkish subjects. The European powers are interceding to stop the trouble. The torch and sword have been resorted to on the historic island for several weeks.

## The County's Finances.

County Treasurer J. C. Saunders submitted his first quarterly report which covers a period from Nov. 23, 1896, when he entered upon the duties of the office, to Feb. 8, 1897, which has been approved by the commissioners' court. There are six funds, viz: the court house, county, jury, road and bridge, available school and permanent school funds. The report shows the following to be the condition of each fund:

Court House Fund.—Balance on hand Nov. 23, $7927.48; receipts during quarter $8052.10; disbursements, $200; balance on hand $15,779.58.

County fund.—Amount received from predecessor in office Nov. 23, $4884.70; receipts of quarter $12,159.21; disbursements $5344.55; balance on hand $11699.36.

Jury Fund.—Amount overdrawn Nov. 23, $95.57; receipts during quarter $339.47; disbursements $174 57; balance on hand $164.90.

Road and Bridge Fund.—Amount overdrawn Nov. 23, $9608.80; disbursements $3008.64. receipts $12214.47; Amount overdrawn Feb. 8, $402.97.

Available school fund—Disbursements $26151.17; receipts $25760.26; amount overdrawn $390. 91.

Permanent School Fund—Amount on hand Nov. 23. $17307-00; receipts $3981.90; balance on hand $21288.90.

It will be noticed that two of the above; the Road and Bridge and Available School funds, are overdrawn. While there is a balance of $164.90 credited to the Jury fund there is really a large deficit something near $2000.00 existing in warrents now registered in the treasurer's office. It was hoped that the receipts of the court house fund this quarter just ended would be sufficient to finish paying off this debt and leave a balance to the Jury fund, but this was not realized. There still remains a court house indebtedness of $3000.00 which will doubtless be liquidated by this quarter's receipts. It is unfortunate that the county's finances are in such a shape that its jury script cannot be paid off at once at one hundred cents on the dollar, instead of having to be shaved ten per cent by holders in order to get their money. To the credit of the permanent school fund the county holds $15558 in bonds drawing six per cent interest and $13000 in five per cent bonds all for long periods with interest, mostly, payable annually.

## Trinity Lights.

Feb. 15, 1897.

The Misses Harpoole and Misses Cave gave our school a pleasant call Friday.

The Trinity Literary attracted a well filled house Friday night of the 5th inst. The programme rendered was as follows;

Welcome Address, by Roy Jourdan, Jesse Caves, Willie Caves, Willie Hale, Harry Jourdan.

Recitation, Lonnie Dier.

Speech, Grover Young.

A Welcome, by Lonnie Dier, Roy Jourdan, Edgar Trentholm, Jesse Caves.

Recitation, Last Rose of Summer, by Virginia Claycomb.

Edgar Trentholm,—"He Planted Himself to Grow."

Jimmie Rowe,—Annie's and Willie's Prayer.

Dialogue,—Golden Rule, by Ross Orenduff, Willie Hale, Jess Caves.

Recitation, Oscar Johnson.

May Mullin,—An Inventor's wife.

Roy Jourdan,—What Whiskey did for Me.

Leona Orenduff,—The Gladiator.

Dialogue,—Canvassing Agent, by Ethel Trantholm Maggie Cave Glen Jourdan, Willie Hale, Tollie Caves.

Ross Orenduff,—Dot Baby of Mine.

An Address, by Prof. S. C. Stevens.

A Negro Dialect,—by A. D. Vandergriff.

Recitation,—By Ida Rains.

Paper, Edited by Mrs. Boon and Mrs. Rowe, and Read by Leona.

We thank the people heartily for their good behavior and invite you again. BROWN EYES.

## Culleoka Cullings.

Culleoka, Tex., Feb. 8, '97.

The school at Bethany, 1 mile east of here entertained the citizens of our community last Friday night with their semi monthly literary which is a grand success. The school is under the control of Prof. Chapman of Farmersville. Bethany also has a debating society which meets next Friday night. The question for discussion is, Resolved, "That Ignorance is a greater curse to a nation than wealth.

M. G. Bryant of Nevada, one of Collin's best instructors, is visiting relatives and friends here. While here he attended the teachers' institute at McKinney. Mr. Bryant is also a minister of the gospel and will preach at pleasant Hill about 1 mile west of here, on Saturday night before the 3rd Sunday.

Johnny McGraw and family are visiting relatives near Lucas.

One of Dr. Wright's brothers was with us a few days last week.


# Scrofula

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## Coffman—Scott.

Tuesday evening in Plano, Louis S. Coffman of Melissa was united in marriage to Miss Olive Scott of Fayetville Ark. Eld. S. W. Crutcher officiated. The groom was formerly a clerk in the Tennessee Store here and is a son of Hogue Coffman of Melissa. Miss Scott will be remembered by a number of our young people who met her during a visit here last fall.

## Citation.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, to the sheriff or any constable of Collin county—Greeting: You are hereby commanded, that by making publication of this citation in some newspaper published in the county of Collin, if there be a newspaper published in said county, (but if not, then in the nearest county where a newspaper is published,) for four weeks before the return day hereof, you summon J. E. Bean, whose residence is unknown, to be and appear before the Hon. District Court at the next regular term thereof, to be holden in the county of Collin at the court house thereof, in the city of McKinney, on the sixth Monday after the first Monday in February the same being the 15th day of March, 1897, file number being 4514, then and there to answer the petition of Dollie Bean, filed in said court on the 12th day of October, A. D. 1896, against the said J. E. Bean, and alleging in substance as follows, to-wit: That plaintiff, Mrs. Dollie Bean, is a resident of Collin county, State of Texas, and that the residence of the defendant, J. E. Bean, is unknown, that plaintiff and defendant were lawfully married on the 8th day of October, 1893; that they lived together as husband and wife until the 2nd day of May, 1894, when defendant left plaintiff with the intention of abandonment. Plaintiff further alleges that during the time they lived together as husband and wife she was subjected to the most cruel and harsh treatment by defendant. That he made no effort to provide for her.

Wherefore plaintiff prays that defendant be cited to answer herein and on final hearing she have judgement dissolving the bonds of matrimony, costs of suit and for general relief.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but have you then and there before said Court this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court in McKinney this 22nd day of January, A. D 1897.

SEAL. Attest: E. R. Hall, Clerk District Court, Collin Co., Texas.
By ——— Deputy.

R. R. TIME CARD.

H. & T. C.

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| North bound, | Cannon ball | 5:31 a m |
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| " | No. 15 | 1:38 p. m. |
| " | No 1 | 8:13 p. m. |
| South bound | No 2 | 8:17 a. m |
| " | No. 16 | 2:48 p. m |
| " | No 4 | 5:58 p.m |
| " | Cannon Ball | 9:48 p. m. |

EAST LINE.

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| Passenger leaves. | 11. 15 a. m. |
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Big line Calicoes 3½c--10 yard Limit.
Boys' Knee Pants 20c, worth 50c.
Boys' Waists 15c, worth 25c.

Boys' Shoes for 50c pair, worth $1.25.
Misses' Slippers for 35c, worth $1.00.
Ladies Slippers for 75c, worth $1.50.
Child's Shoes for 25c, worth 50c.
Men's Undershirts 15c and up.
Men's Overshirts 15c and up.
Men's Hats 35c and up.
10c Socks for 4c.

Men's A-1 Jeans Pants 50c, worth $1.00.
Men's A-1 Overll 39c, worth 90c.
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Ladies Jackets and Wraps 50c, worth $1.50.
Men's Overcoats for $1.50, worth $4.00.
Men's Boots for 95c, worth $2.00.
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# THE DEMOCRAT SUPPLEMENT.

Thursday, February 18, 1897.

Mrs. Emma Laurence, of Denison, is in town canvassing for the "First Battle" Bryan's book. She is a sister of Editor Reynolds of the Van Alstyne Leader.

E. L. Swaim came to the city last Tuesday and received his commission to act as road overseer near Stiff chapel. "Lish" can now boast of being an officeholder.

For Dyspepsia and Liver omplaint you have a printed guarantee on every bottle of Shiloh's Vitalizer. It never fails to cure. For sale by . c. Provine.

Messrs Hindman & Richardson, proprietors of Ed & Will's tonsorial parlor, have purchased the old Dedmon barber shop and will soon open up just west of the Foote House in more extensive quarters.

J. O. McMinn and son of Nevada were in McKinney Tuesaday and called on The Democrat briefly. Mr. McMinn belongs to one of the best known families of the county and is a leading farmer of his community.

Russell, the little son of Dr. H. L. Pearson and grandson of Col. DeArmond, met with a very painful accident while playing Friday evening. He was wrestling with another little fellow when he fell and broke his left arm just above the elbow and also dislocaed the elbow.

The patrons of Johnson school community have decided to build a new school house. Prof. Shepherd visited that community last Monday night.

Advertising in The Democrat pays. In our last issue we gave notice that Mrs. John Heard lost a pair of fine spectacles. Tuesday Mr. Neely of Melissa brought the goods to our office, stating that our notice caused him to locate them.

The hot water bottle has so many uses—as a foot warmer, as a means of applying heat in sickness and even a factor in driving, that every family should have from one to a half dozen. All qualities at Smith Bros.

Mrs. John Thomason of near Rheas Mill died Thursday Feb. 11, at 11 o'clock a. m. She was an aged lady and leaves many friends to mourn her loss. Her remains were interred in th Scott cemetery on Friday following her death.

Last Monday news reached McKinney of a serious cutting scrape at Farmersville in which West Millican inflicted serious wounds on the head and face of James Bybee. The two men are half brothers Millican was placed under a $200 bond.

School is now progressing finely under the supervision of Prof Fowler, since the extended vacation of holidays. The Former teacher, Edwin S. Booth, who departed, as was thought, on a visit to his home, did not return. The people were of course keenly disappointed by his not returning, but they were not downcast. They picked their "flints and came again." While they were then in Valley Forge, they are now in Yorktown. Although E. S. Booth was a thorough scholar and an excellent teacher, they have procured a much better one which is home faculty and did not come from Yankeedom.—"Celina Items" in Pilot Point Post Mirror.

## Shot His Brotherinlaw.

About 6 o'clock last evening Jim Roberts and his wife's brother, Gene Parker, had a difficulty in Petersburg which resulted in the latter shooting the former with a 38 calibre Smith & Wesson. Two shots struck Roberts, one on the left and the other on the right side, but neither wound is serious. J. R. Padgitt, who was endeavoring to keep Parker from shooting, received a ball through his coat sleeve. Sheriff Coffey arrested Parker in a few minutes after the shooting and placed him in jail upon his failure to make a $500 appearance bond for the examining trial set for Saturday. The men fell out over some business matters we understand.

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## Commissioners' Court.

The commisioners court adjourned last Saturday. During its sitting it ordered that all school land notes due the county be extended until 1907, providing all interest due thereon is paid on Jan. 1 of each year.

The special tax levy is as follows: County tax, 22cts; court house tax, 10cts; road and bridge tax, 15cts; total, 47 cents on the $100. Also 25cts poll tax.

Special school district tax was levied as follows for 1897: Long Neck, 10cts; Anna, 20cts; Viney, 20cts; Union, 15cts; Wilmeth, 20cts; Clear Lake, 15cts; Chambers, 15cts; Millwood, 20cts; Rock Hill, 20cts; Lebanon, 15cts; North McKinney, 15cts; Petersburg, 15cts; Backbone, 20cts; Burger, 20cts; Cross Roads, 20cts; Ash Grove, 20cts; Hobbins, 15cts; Cold Springs, 20cts; Copeville, 20cts.

The occupation tax was also levied.

There were 14 paupers listed with certain monthly allowances.

John Welch was commissioned to remove offal from the jail at the rate of $20 per month.

## Congressional Notes.

The senate has confirmed the nominations of Carroll D. Wright of Massachusetts to be commissioner of labor; Martin A. Knapp of New York to be interstate commerce commissioner.

## Legislative Notes

The House abolished the bureau of agriculture.

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Senator Wayland's fee bill has been reported favorably by the senate committee on state affairs.

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Senator Bowser offers a bill compelling all governmental institutions or their agents within Texas to purchase supplies within the state.

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Ward's election bill was up for discussion in the house on the 12th inst. Among objections to it urged by several members was "Under such an enactment the colored vote in certain counties could not be corralled for the democratic ticket."

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The charter of the Southwest Texas railroad company was filed on the 11th inst. Capital stock $550,000. Its principal office will be at Corpus Christi and the road will extend from Brenham, in Washington county to Brownsville, in Cameron county, a distance of 350 miles.

## HICKMAN ITEMS.

### Death of Mrs. Bailey and Other Notes.

Hickman Tex. Feb. 16, '97.

Mrs. Johnson is thought to be doing very well; we hope to see her up soon.

Mrs. T. A. Bailey died on the fifteenth inst, and is to be buried Feb. 17, at Verona. This will be sad, sad news to all who know Mrs. Bailey. Her home has been at Hickman for several years. Mr. and Mrs. Bailey moved to Greenville something near a month ago, where she died. I never met a lady who carried more Sunshine into the trials of this life, than did Mrs. Bailey. Our, loss is heaven's gain."

Our society on last Saturday night waswell attended and quite an extensive programe rendered.

School is progressing nicely with unusually good attendance.

Rev John White of Merit visited Mrs. Johnson this week.

Mrs. Striplin visited Hickman the past week and returned home Monday with her son Elisha.

Mr. and Mrs. Bybee have a new son, born on Sunday.

HICKMANITE.

CASTORIA.
The fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher is on every wrapper.

## Merit Dots.

Feb. 12, 1897.

Rev. J. H. White who has been sick is convalescent.

Miss Mattie Utt of Farmersville visited her sister, Miss Florence Utt, of this place Saturday and Sunday.

The Epworth League gave an entertainment at the M. E. church Saturday night, which proved a success, and enjoyed by all. Another will be held Saturday night before the first Sunday in March. Everybody invited.

Will Alderson accidentally shot himself in the foot Friday evening last.

Rev. T. L. Rippey preached at Harrell's Chapel Sunday in the place of Rev. J. H. White, who was sick.

R. R. Bradshaw visited at Farmersville Friday and Saturday.

Stanley Hockett visited at Melissa Saturday and Sunday.

The North Texas Training school is growing in numbers rapidly now

Mrs. A. F. Dickinson is very sick at present. WAS.

## THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

The Standard Eagle Box and Lumber company at St. Louis, Mo., has assigned, with liabilities of about $100,000.

All the state troops have been removed from the mines at Leadville, Colo., except about 100.

James B. Inks was hanged at Oregon, Mo., for the murder of John Patterson.

The drugstore of Martin & Leaky at Lehigh, I. T., was entered by highwaymen and at the point of Winchesters secured $600. The highwaymen escaped.

The registration of San Antonio for the election of municipal officers is 9393

Johnnie Allen, the blind piano tuner at Lampasas, Tex., died of paralysis.

The warehouse of F. Gates & Co., at Duvall's Bluff, Ark., was destroyed by fire with 350 bales of cotton and 200 barrels of sugar. Loss, $20,000.

The hardware store of Walter Tips at Austin, Tex., was robbed of $100 worth of pistols.

Ground has been broken at Galveston, Tex., for the new freight and passenger depot and general offices of the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe railway.

Mrs. Joanna McClelland, widow of the late Peter McClelland, the weathiest citizen of Waco, Tex., died there at the age of 80 years.

An ice bridge has been formed over Niagara falls.

Two prisoners jumped from a moving train near Windsor, Mo., and escaped.

A woman at Russellville, Ark., is laboring under the delusion that she is the Messiah.

Postmaster Draper pleaded guilty to taking a package from the Chicago mailpouch at Cheyenne, Wy., and exonerated his son from all suspicion. The package contained $3522.

Mrs. Mary Trainer was convicted of poisoning her husband, and given 20 years in the penitentiary at Baltimore.

While a suspected firebug was on trial at Marshall, Ills., his house was burned down.

The Nebraska house has repealed the law granting a bounty on beet sugar.

## A Lively Chase.

Quite a commotion was caused on our streets between 7 and 8 o'clock Saturday night by three pistol shots ringing out on the still air and following each other with brief intermissions. Everybody ran to the northeast corner of the square from whence the reports seemed to come and in a few minute Constable Harry McDonald appeared with Jim Watts in custody. It was then learned that Tom Faulkner, a county convict guard, did the shooting. The circumstances leading to the shooting as learned from the officers seem to be about as follows: While working out a pistol fine on the county road Watts ran away some time since. Faulkner meeting up with him near the postoffice corner accosted him. Together the officer and Watts started for the sheriff's office to see if the balance of the latter's fine had been settled when Watts made a dash for liberty. Faulkner fired to scare his fleeing prisoner, so he says, but Watts did not halt until Harry McDonald and Charlie Mixon overtook him on North Chesnut street. Watts was confined in the county jail and Monday morning plead guilty to the charge of carrying knucks which he had on his person when searched by the officer. Judge Abernathy assessed a heavy fine on the young man who will be returned to the county road.

## Murphy Going Away.

We are sorry, indeed, to record the fact that Mr. Murphy is packup his dry goods stock preparatory to moving at once to McKinney. We are doubly sorry because this enterprising gentleman was our most valuable patron. Mr. Murphy profited largely by his persistent and extensive advertising, and his removal is not caused by the fact that he has not been doing a large and paying business. He simply desires to enter a larger field.—Sulphur Springs Vindicator.

## Rev. D. M. King Dead.

Rev. D. M. King died at his home south of the city Saturday. He was one of the best men in the community and was beloved by all who knew him. He was the father of Dr. Eugene King, who has an extensive practice in the southern part of the county. His brother, Rev. Eustis King, pastor of the Baptist church at McKinney, came over and attended the funeral. The Banner extends sympathy to the bereaved relatives.—Greenville Banner.

## Lebanon Items.

Lebanon, Tex., Feb., 15, '97.

We come again with sad news of the grim monster Death, who made his appearance in the home of Dr. Hal Compton of Allen, taking within its cold embrace the kind and affectionate wife and mother. Mrs. Compton died at 10 o'clock a. m., Saturday. She leaves four children, and a kind and faithful husband to mourn her untimely death. Their many friends and relatives join them in their sore bereavement.

We learn that Preece Moore of Lebanon is suffering with blood poison, caused from a mere scratch. Fears are entertained that amputation will be necessary.

Mrs. Sallie Dennard of near Rock Hill was visiting her mother Sunday.

Sickness has almost subsided in our little neighborhood and everybody is getting down to business.

BIMET.

## SANTA FE SPECIALS.

MARDI GRAS FESTIVITIES, NEW ORLEANS, MARCH 2ND, 1897.

For this occasion the Santa Fe Route will sell tickets from all points on its line in Texas and the Indian Territory to New Orleans and return at, rate of one fare for the round trip. Tickets will be sold on February 26th, 27th, 28th and March 1st, limited to return on March 12th, routed via Houston and Southern Pacific, or via Fort Worth and the Texas Pacific, and will be good returning only via the rout used going.

INAUGURATION OF PRESIDENT-ELECT M'KINLEY AT WASHINGTON, D. C., MARCH 4LH, '97.

For this occasion, the Santa Fe will make a rate of one fare for the round trip from all points on its line in Texas and the Indian Territory to Washington, D. C., and return. Tickets will be sold on February 28th and March 1st, only, good for continuous passage in each direction, with final limit for return March 10th, 1897. Tickets may be purchased via St Louis or New Orleans and diverging routes.

Through Pullman Palace sleeping cars will be operated from Galveston and San Antonio via Paris and the Frisco Line to St. Louis, connecting at Union Depot with through trains to Washington.

Wm. P. St.John, a prominent New York Banker and treasurer of the National democratic committee died in New York on the 15th inst,

## Blue Ridge News.

Feb. 15, '97.

Rev. John Gotcher preached at the Methodist church Sunday.

W. R. Bogle was in McKinney Thursday.

That unterrified republican, W. A. Smith went to the capital Saturday.

Quite a number of Odd Fellows from Pike were in attendance at our lodge Thursday night.

A number of valentines were mailed here to keep up the merriment of this little town.

We have an open session of the Literary society next Friday night. These sessions are given once a month by the school, none others taking part. Miss Arris Barnett is acting Pres.

There was a lively debate at the school house Saturday night. The affirmative was championed by Messrs Wylie and Trotter, the negative by Messrs. Sol Dorn and E. C. Forbes. Speeches limited to forty five minutes during which time the building fairly rang with eloquence. The audience seemed to enjoy the debate and another one will soon be held.

School is doing nicely with about two hundred enrolled. It is without doubt doing better than for several years. Great preparations are being made for the close at which time there will be an elocutionery contest. There will be five graduates and the teachers are bending their energies to have an excellent time at the close. These pupils will go out well equipped for business. Blue Ridge has already turned out several first class teachers and will turn out eight or ten this year.

PACER.

## Martin Byrd Suicides.

Martin Byrd was found within two miles of his home near Weston last Sunday night with his throat cut and a sheathed razor lying near by him. The deceased had left home on Saturday and it is supposed that he deliberately dismounted, hitched his horse, and cut his own throat. His body was so near the horse that the animal trampled upon it. No cause was given for the rash act. He was a highly respected young man who had only been married about six weeks. He lived one mile south of Cottage Hill church. He married Miss Laura Cooper. On leaving home on Saturday at 2 p. m. he told his wife that he was going to Weston. The body was found by Mr. Tom Powell about 10 o'clock Sunday night. The death is an unusually sad one and causes much grief in the community of the deceased.

## RELIGIOUS.

Rev. D. J. Martin, pastor of the Methodist church, is preaching a series of sermons on the foundation principals of holy Christianity. Repentance was his subject last Sunday from which he discoursed a very able and spiritual sermon.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Services began at the Presbyterian church Monday afternoon and will continue indefinitely every afternoon at 4, and every night at 7:30. The Rev. Frank Wright, is evidently a man deeply in earnest, and full of the spirit of God. His sermon Monday night was upon Election, and was wonderfully maintained and illustrated by scripture, indeed he is evidently a man relying upon the Word and Power of God.

The singing at this church is always a noticeable feature and Monday night it was made a leading feature of the service. Mr. Wright sang a solo just before his sermon, "After the toil and trouble, there cometh a day of rest," and his baritone voice gave exquisite setting to the beautiful words. Immediately after the sermon, Mrs. Gibson and Mr. Davies sang a duet, "Knocking," with a full choir chorus, and the rich alto of Mrs. Gibson's voice blended splendidly with the tenor of Mr. Davies and seemed like a direct invitation from heaven.

We are in hopes that this meeting will be a blessing to our town and that many will hear and obey the word of truth.

We are authorized to announce that Mr. Wright and Mr. Davies will sing every night as long as the meeting lasts.

## Again In The Toils.

Last week, constable Tom Beverly brought up from Plano Will Sawyer, colored, whom he turned over to Jailor Coffey. It seems that the officers have a pretty good case of burglary against Sawyer, who has had considerable experience in the toils of the law, before. He was once convicted of purloining Walter Lee's watch in this city and given 530 days on the county road. Other charges of burglary have been lodged against the colored boy in the county, but for want of direct proof did not stick. He has also done time in the penitentiary from Greenville.

Mrs. McKinley has received her wardrobe from the dressmakers to be used in the inaugural ceremonies. It is estimated that this costume will cost $10,000. This magnificent display is not in line with Mr. McKinley's anti-inaugural ball letter. Possibly the President elect is a victim of the "new woman."

# Look, Look! - -

## High Prices Knocked Out

## . . . A. C. VARNER IS SELLING . . .

Arbuckle Coffee 15c a package.
20 lbs Best Granulated Sugar $1.00
16 lbs Good Dried Apples for $1.00.
Early New York Rose 75c per bushel.

XXXX Coffee 15c a Package.
Bacon 5½c pr lb.
Tennessee Triump Potatoes $1.65.

## GO TO VARNER'S STORE AND BUY YOUR GOODS FOR SPOT CASH

*And he will save you 33⅓ per cent on your purchase. Come one, come all and see what Bargains he will give you.*

# A. C. VARNER,

**1st Door North Jesse Shain.**



## Tutt's Pills Cure All Liver Ills.

**Twenty Years Proof.**

Tutt's Liver Pills keep the bowels in natural motion and cleanse the system of all impurities An absolute cure for sick headache, dyspepsia, sour stomach, constipation and kindred diseases.

**"Can't do without them"**

R. P. Smith, Chilesburg, Va. writes I don't know how I could do without them. I have had Liver disease for over twenty years. Am now entirely cured.

**Tutt's Liver Pills**


The district court room walls will be calcimined and the bar fixtures remodeled and painted. Messrs Stout and Apple will do the work. With the new ceiling it is to be hoped that the acoustics will be improved.

A big line of Veils and Veiling, all new styles at M. Aron & Co's.

A long time ago some one asked: "Mistress Mary, quite contrary, how does your garden grow?" Such a question is aggravating after the garden is planted and there is something found to be the matter with the seed. We don't believe there will be any trouble if you come to us for flower and garden seeds. Smith Bros.

Melton will make you close prices on everything in the grocery line for the next few days.

Ask your physician, your druggist and your friends about Shiloh's Cure Consumption. They will recommend it. For sale by C. C. Provine.

### For Sale or Trade.

Desirable residence in McKinney—terms reasonable or would trade for small farm. Apply at McKinney & Hill's.

Good perfume, our own mixing, at 35c an ounce—you have paid 50c an ounce for inferior goods.

Smith Bros.

T. C. Slaughter, a successful and prosperous farmer and stockraiser of Prosper, and who took a promiuent part in the discussion at the recene swine breeders' meeting there, gives the following as his way of fattening steers. He first warms them on cotton seed and then puts them on wheat pasture and keeps them there until the wheat is in the milk state. Then he turns on an oat pasture, the oats being in the dough, and afterwards finishes them on Sheaf oats.—Texas Stock and Farm Journal.

### How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that can not be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.
F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props.,
Toledo, O.

We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by their firm.
WEST & TRUAX, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O.
WALDING, KINNAN & MARVIN, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Price 75c. per bottle. Sold by all druggists. Testimonials free.

Miss May Barnett, of Whitesboro, is the guest of her uncle, Mate Barnett, and family in McKinney.

You'll find no cobweb mosquito bars over Goostree & Houston's groceries. They are new, brands first class, prices the lowest and customers the best pleased.

Karl's Clover Root Tea is a sure cure for Headache and nervous diseases. Nothing relieves so quickly. For sale by C. C. Provine.

Yes, of course we take wood, corn, oats, hay, chickens and eggs on subscription. Bring in your produce.

D. W. Leigh of Verona was in to see us last Friday and got some job printing done.

If asked the question "Have you got a stomach?" it would be safe on general principles to answer "Yes." But, if you are SURE of it, that is, if you ever feel any distress after eating or any pains of whatever discription in the region of the stomach, you have got something more than an ordinary stomach; in othor words, you have got a diseased stomach. The stomach is a powerful muscle, and the proper remedy for a tired muscle is rest. Try the Shaker Digestive Cordial, for this pro duct not only contains digested food, which will nourish the system without any work on the part of the diseased organs, but it aids the digestion of other foods as well. You can test its value in your case for the trifling sum of 10 cents. Sample bottles at this price are carried by all druggists.

LAXOL is the best medicine for children Doctors recommend it in place of Castor Oil.

Mrs. W. H. Board of Harrold, Wilbarger county, is the guest of her father, S. J. B. Blemmons, and family here.

Experience proves that Goostree & Houston's is the cheapest place in Collin county to buy fresh staple and fancy groceries the year round. They carry a complete stock in every sense of the word and their immense trade prevents their stock from growing stale.

William R. Gaines of Van Alstyne has been taken to the penitentiary to serve a four year term upon a conviction for intent to kill his brotherinlaw, Charles Koch. This case was carried to the court of appeals and affirmed. Gaines also has a life sentence hanging over him for the murder of Koch some months later. This latter case is still pending in the supreme court. Both the prisoner and victim of this deplorable tragedy which was enacted a couple of years ago have many acquaintances in and around McKinney where they once resided.

The Democrat acknowledges an invitation to be present at an entertainment entitled, "A Scripture Cantata—Faith, Hope and Love," the rendition of which will take place at Verona on Saturday night, Feb. 20. The director, Prof D. W. Leigh, has issued a lengthy and attractive printed program. The admission will be only 10 and 15 cents; the proceeds will be donated to the church for the purpose of purchasing a heater.

Country lard wanted at Melton's.

The success and popularity of the La Rosa Perfecto cigars, like everything else that succeeds, has excited the envy of imitators. Even in so small a city as McKinney you will find several imitations. Why use the imitatious when you can get the genuine at Smith Bros.? See that each box has stamped on it an acorn.

Mr. C. E. Kerr, representing the Gullet Gin Co. of Corsicana, was in town Saturday on business.

I have given Chamberlain's Cough Remedy a fair test and consider it one of the very best remedies for croup that I have eve ever found. One dose has always been sufficient, although I use it freely. Any cold my children contract yields very readily to this medicine. I can conscientiously recommend it for crop ond colds in children. —GEO. E. WOLFF, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Fernaudina, Fla. Sold by City Drug Store.

### McKinley's Cabinet.

McKinley's cabinet is a topic of speculation for the people. But Goostree & Houston's bargains in first class groceries are not mere matters of speculation; they are facts well established among the people.

The gate receipts at the Fair are increasing every pay. Courteous treatment and CLOSE PRICES are the causes.

Mrs. W. T. Beverly and children went down to Plano Saturday on a visit to relatives.

"The Lord helps those that help themselves," but if you die without making an effort to procure a bottle of Dr. Simmons' Cough Syrup why it's your own fault, especially when it is sold under a guarrantee, and 50 doses for 50 cents. Try a free sample bottle.

Prof. John Doyle and wife of Forrest Grove were in the city Saturday visiting friends.

### Do Babies Cry For It?

No! They more often die for the want of it. DR. SIMMONS' COUGH SYRUP is guaranteed to cure Croup, Whooping Cough, Colds, Coughs, and Bronchial affections of the Throat, Chest and Lungs, and failing, the purchase money is refunded. Sample bottle free. 50 doses for 50 cents.

The Democrat is now located on the west side of the public square, first stairway north of Shain's. We would be pleased to have all our friends call on us in our more convenient quarters.

When you want to buy a house and lot in McKinney or a farm in the country call on F. W. Mack. Upstairs in Newsome building.

J. L. Mayes of Merit attended the last illness of his mother, Mrs. John Thomason, who died at Rheas Mill last week.

Do you need seed potatoes? If you do, go to Goostree & Houston's. They keep every variety in stock.

We have made many sales of our Cough Syrup through the praise of one friend to another. There is no disappointment in it; so the praise goes on. You will be pleased with it.

Smith Bros.

Allen Mallory, colored, died in South McKinney Monday at the age of 26. His leg was amputated some months ago and he never fully recovered from the shock.

Planting season is almost here and Goostree & Houston have a variety of all kinds of seeds.

English Spavin Liniment removes al Hard, Soft or Calloused Lumps and Blemishes from horses, Blood Spavins, Curbs, Splints, Sweeney, Ring-Bone, Stifles, Sprains, all Swollen Throats, etc. Save $50 by use of one bottle. Warranted the most wonderful Blemish Cure ever known. Sold by Erwin & Fant, druggists, McKinney, Texas.

We are glad to learn that a bridge will soon span Stiff creek near Stiff chapel.

Mr. Ward L. Smith, of Fredericks-town, Mo., was troubled with chronic diarrhœa for over thirty years. He had become fully satisfied that it was only a question of a short time that he would have to give up. He had been treated by some of the best physicians in Europe and America but got no permanent relief. One day he picked up a newspaper and chanced to read an advertisement of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhœa Remedy. He got a bottle of it, the first dose helped him and its continued use cured him For sale by City Drug Store.

Mrs. P. B. H. Shearer, of Denison, was recently elected president of the Rebekah state assembly of Texas. Mrs. Shearer formerly resided in McKinney where many friends rejoice to hear of this meritorious honor being conferred upon her.

### Save Your Life

By using "THE NEW GREAT SOUTH AMERICAN KIDNEY CURE." This new remedy is a great surprise on account of its exceeding promptness in relieving pain in the Kidneys, Bladder and Back in male or female. It relieves retention of water, and pain in passing it almost immediately. Save yourselves by using this marvelous cure. Its use will prevent fatal consequences in almost all cases by its great alterative and healing powers. Sold by Erwin & Fant, druggists, McKinney, Texas.

Verona's old and respected citizen, M. N. Stroup, was a caller on The Democrat Tuesday. He was accompanied by his daughter, Miss Sallie, and Miss Leila St. Clair, who were shown through the mysteries of a printing establishment.


## Constipation

Causes fully half the sickness in the world. It retains the digested food too long in the bowels and produces biliousness, torpid liver, indigestion, bad taste, coated tongue, sick headache, insomnia, etc. Hood's Pills cure constipation and all its results, easily and thoroughly. 25c. All druggists. Prepared by C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass. The only Pills to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

## Hood's Pills


### GRIPPE-MALARIA.

There is now prevailing throughout the ccuntry, a disease which has been aptly termed "Grippe-Malaria," the name being suggested by the presence of the well-known symtoms of both these diseases. There is at first violent shivering sensations, followed by a dull fever, severe headache and aching pains in the lower limbs. Within twenty-four hours the symptoms develop a severe cold in the head, soreness in the throat and chest, and a dry, harsh cough. One of the peculiar features of the disease is its obstinate character, in many cases requiring from six weeks to three months to run its course, notwithstanding the most careful medical attendance.

How to treat this new combination of diseases has proved a puzzle to the medical profession, remedies usually applied to relieve either grippe or malaria, being ineffective in the combined form. While the physicians have been casting about to find something to fit the case, a series of experiments by the proprietors of PRICKLY ASH BITTERS has demonstrated that this remedy wil cure. The method of treatment found most effective includes the use of quinine in doses of three grains each, taken three times a day, and a half wine-glass full of PRICKLY ASH BITTERS one hour before each dose of quinine. This treatment has proved to be a positive cure and will usually break up the disease in three or four days. The quinine controls the fever, while the Bitters drives out of the system all poisons and bilious impurities, at the same time imparting vigor to the stomach, liver and kidneys and regulating the bowels. Thus the functions of the whole internal organism are accelerated, the body strengthened and assisted to quickly throw off the disease. So successful is this treatment that many physicians have thrown aside professional prejudice against proprietory medicines and have applied it in their practice with highly satisfactory results.

### Ed & Will's Tonsorial Parlor.

When you wish an easy shave—
As good as barber ever gave—
Call at Ed & Will's Tonsorial room,
At morning, eve, or busy noon.
They'll curl and cut your hair with grace
To suit the contour of your face.
Their room is neat, and all is clean,
Scissors sharp and razors keen.
And all that art and skill can do;
If you will call they'll do for you.
They'll treat you nice and fair,
And neither flinch nor fudge;
You'll always find them there
As sober as a judge.
Children's hair cutting a specialty. Northwest corner of square. McKinney, Texas.

### Tetter, Salt-Rheum and Eczema.

The intense itching and smarting incident to these diseases is instantly allayed by applying Chamberlain's Eye and Skin Ointment. Many very bad cases have been permanently cured by it. It is equally efficient for itching piles and a favorite remedy for sore nipples chapped hands, chilblains, frost bites and chronic sore eyes. 25 cts. per box.

**Dr. Cady's Condition Powders**, are just what a horse needs when in bad condition. Tonic, blood purifier and vermifuge. They are not food but medicine and the best in use to put a horse in prime condition. Price 25 cents per package

Beautiful Japanese gold fish for sale at the Nickle Store.


## CASTORIA

**For Infants and Children.**

The fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher. is on every wrapper.


Melton's "Regents" bulk roasted coffee can't be excelled.

Karl's Clover Root Tea purifies th blood and gives a clear and beautiful complexion. For sale by C. C. Provine.

"A BOY GOT SHOT AT THE FAIR," where they keep a full line of ammunition in connection with their Department store goods.

Never confuse sentiment with business. If I can't cure you I don't want your money. Respectfully,
DR. A. C. SIMMONS' COUGH SYRUP.

W. J. Adams left yesterday for a month's visit to his father's family at Walnut Grove, Yell county, Arkansas.

### Hall's Great Discovery.

One small bottle of Hall's Great Discovery cures all kidney and bladder troubles, removes gravel, cures diabetes, seminal emissions, weak and lame backs, and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder, in both men women. Regulates bladder trouble in children. If not sold by your druggist will be sent by mail on receipt of $1. One small bottle is two months' treatment and will cure any case above mentioned.
E. W. HALL, Sole Manufacturer,
P. O. Box 317, Waco, Texas
READ THIS.
Sherman, Tex., Aug. 17.
I certify that I have used Hall's Great Discovery in my family and I can recommend it to the public.
A. L. STRONG.
Sold by Smith Bros.

A. J. Thompson has opened up a harness and shoe repair shop in the Allen building. Mr. Thompson was formerly one of Wylie's leading general merchandise business men.

Consumption, La Grippe, Pneumonía and all Throat and Lung diseases are cured by Shiloh's Cure. For sale by C. C. Provine.

Why don't you buy pure Neats Foot oil of us. It is the best oil you can use on harness or any kind of leather.

Smith Bros.

People whose hands are constantly exposed to the weather will do well to use Grandpa's Wonder soap. At Smith Bros' you can buy it 3 for 25c.

Health and sweet breath secured by Shiloh's Catarrh Remedy. Price 50 cents. Nasal Injector free. For sale by C. C. Provine.

Scott Foreman, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Beyatt, W. H. Chaddick, Alec Wheeler and D. C. George were in McKinney last week.—Plano Courier.

A company is being formed to build a gin at Roland, to be known as the Roland Gin Co. The company is composed of the following named gentlemen: T. B. and Gus Wilson, Sam Harris, J. T. Watkins, John Cox and Ed Burge. Deeds and articles of agreement have been drawn up and the machinery will be bought soon.


# 1897 SPRING 1897

SPRING DRESS GOODS and TRIMMINGS.

We desire in this issue to call the Ladies attention especially to our

## Dress Goods Department.

Our buyers have certainly made an effort to surpass in point of elegance and beauty all former Seasons; how well they have succeeded can only be appreciated by an inspection of this line. You will find all the latest Novelties and upto date gooods in great profusion.

We have a large number of Novelty Dress Patterns, very beautiful and only one of a kind, to those wanding the very choicest of these we would advise an early inspection.

## Dress Making department.

To this Department we have given much attention. Mrs. Belle Kelly has just returned from New York, where she has spent several weeks receiving instructions in one of the most fashionable Emporiums in that city.

She has carefully exrmined all of the imported Gowns and is now prepared to work after the French Designers.

She will be assisted by our designer, Mrs. Schneier, and we promise you strictly up to date Gowns, perfect in style, fit and comfort.

All other departments are complete and of these we will speak later. Remember, we absolutely ONE PRICE for all. Soliciting your patronage, we are.

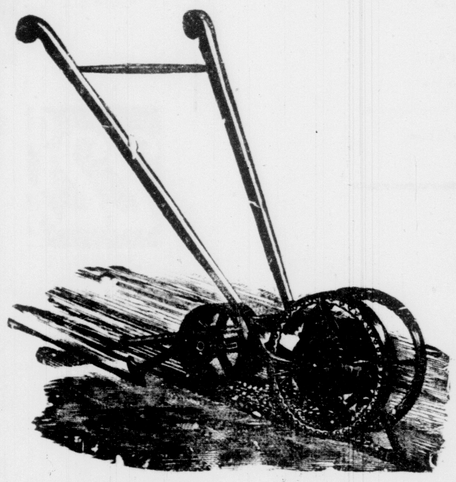
RESPECTFULLY,

## M. ARON & CO.

THE LEADING DRY GOODS FIRM OF McKINNEY.



# ONION SEEDERS



Bric-a-brac, Lamps, Knives and Forks Cutlery all kinds. Woodware, Silver and Solid-ware. FineHardware, Crockery, Tin and Granite-ware, Bridge-Beach Co.'s Stoves, China, all at Fair Prices,

# J.P.DOWELL


### Plant an Orchard.

Before you plant, send for *New Catalogue of McKinney Nurseries*. This catalogue names the varieties adapted to this climate and gives instructions showing how to have, without failing, an abundance of fine fruit in any locality These instructions are based upon forty years of experience in growing fruit in Texas, and include and refer to the latest and most advanced thought on Southern horticulture. Send to
E. W. KIRKPATRICK,
McKinney, Tex.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria.
When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria.
When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria.
When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

Several years experience of honorable dealing with the good people of McKinney and surrounding country has given the Nickle Store a reputation any might envy. Visit it and inspect its varied stock.

Just received, one car load of Fresh Portland cement; also fire clay brick, sand, lime, etc. For sale cheap at Wilcox & Sons' Lumber yard.

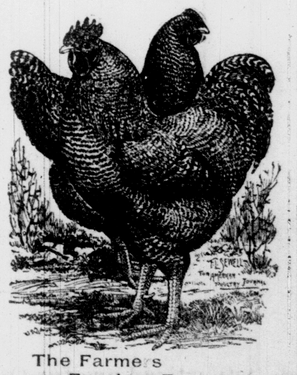
Remember the Denison Steam Laundry when you want nice work. Our office is at J. T. Couch's music house, where you will find a basket at all times. Glenn McCuller, Agt.

The best line of syrups in the city is at Melton's.

Try a sack of Magnolia flour. the best. For sale at W. E. Ditto's. Every sack guaranteed.

It will pay you to call and see me when wanting furniture, stoves, queensware, etc. I kindly ask a share of your trade. Respectfully,
J. W. Asbury,
West Louisiana street.

### Barred Plymouth Rocks



The Farmers and Fanciers Favorite.

I have a pen of the above named chickens that are as good as the best, from which I will sell a few settings of eggs

**At $2.00 per Setting**

of fifteen eggs. Stock for sale in the Fall. I will take pleasure in showing you my pen of birds, whether you wish to buy or not. Yours for the peer of American Birds, J. H. SNEED.

Does your house need painting? Go to Wilcox & Sons' Lumber Yard for Vane Calvert Palace Car Colors, the best paint "on earth;" also Collier's White Lead, Pure Linseed oil, Brushes, Window glass, ect.

### Attention Horsemen.

Breeders and horsemen can get anything in the way of bills they may want at THE DEMOCRAT office. We have a variety of cuts to make selections from, and terms are reasonable.

## CRISP LOCAL ITEMS.

Wm. Allen shipped two cars of hogs to Ft. Worth last week.

C. Wesley Goodin Sundayed in Plano.

Twenty-five different preparations for chapped hands at Smith Bros.

J. M. Hawkins, of Fayburg, was here Monday attending county court.

Capt. and Mrs. R. W. Carpenter of Plano visited in McKinney Friday.

W. T. Marriott of Willow Springs was here Saturday and called on us.

Save money in 1897 by buying groceries of W. E. Ditto. East side.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Wilson of Altoga were here Tuesday.

Try Melton's mixed teas. They are the best in town.

Mrs. John Coffey visited in Sherman recently.

Useful and ornamental articles in profusion at the Nickle Store.

Edward Andrews, a nephew of R. C. Horn, of Vineland, is seriously ill.

A nice assortment of Matting at M. Aron & Co's.

Postmaster Henry Rucker of Altoga was a caller at our office Thursday.

All Sizes window glass at Smith Bros.

Mrs. K. K. Kerr visited relatives at at Vineland last week.

A big line of Feather Stitched Braid at M. Aron & Co's.

Mrs. Belle Stiff Kelly arrived from New York Tuesday.

All kinds of onion sets and onion seeds at Melton's.

Mabel, the little daughter of W. W. Davis, is seriously sick.

Cough Syrup, Cough Drops and Cod Liver Oil at Smith Bros.

Kirby Williams, aged 13, had his leg broken last Sunday evening by falling from a lumber pile.

Experience proves the merit of Hood's Sarsaparilla. It cures all forms of blood diseases, tones the stomach, builds up the nerves.

Gratz Burns, of Oak Cliff, was in town this week. He formerly lived here.

Miss Newsome who has been visiting Miss Mollie Eubank returned to her home at McKinney yesterday.—Sherman Register.


## AN INSIDIOUS DISEASE.

Kidney disease is dangerous because of its terribly insidious character. It usually becomes firmly fixed in the body before the symptoms are violent enough to be alarming. Disordered digestion, wakefulness at night, headaches, sedimentin the urine, **HEADACHE** slight but persistent backache are symptoms not likely to cause much alarm, especially when the victim is still able to get through his daily duties. BUT BEWARE! They are fraught with deepest meaning. The kidneys are suffering, the blood is being poisoned, the strength is failing, and soon the trouble will extend to every part of the body **BACKACHE** anemia almost in most careful treatment can the dangerous stage of the disease then be averted.

At this critical time the great kidney strengthening and restorative power of Prickly Ash Bitters is urgently demanded. This remedy contains all of the best curative agents that experience has found to be valuable in the

**URINARY DISORDERS**

treatment of kidney diseases. It has a four-fold effect. The kidneys are healed and strengthened, the liver is regulated, the stomach toned up, and the bowels cleansed. The result of which is the resumption of functional processes and early restoration

Price $1.00 Per Bottle.
Sold by
ALL DRUGGISTS.


Will R. Hill has just purchased Tom Andrews' beautiful residence on North College Hill.

In GROVE'S TASTELESS, CHILL TONIC, you know what you are taking. It is simply Iron and Quinine in a tasteless form. It is sold on a guarantee—NO CURE NO PAY. Price 50c.

G. J. S. Walker is having his residence on South Wilcox street remodeled and grounds beautified.

A big line of Ladies Belts at M Aron & Co's.

A full line of all kinds of bulk garden seeds at Melton's.

Fresh Sedlitz powders at Smith Bros.

The exhibits at the "Fair" are FINE, with prices to suit the bargain hunters.

Farmers buy your spring supplies of Goostree & Houston—McKinney's leading grocery firm.

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Wilson visited the latter's sister, Mrs. Lucy Mallow, at Verona who is seriously ill, this week.

A larger stock than ever to make selections from during 1897 at the Nickle Store.

For all kinds of garden seed in bulk go to W. E. Ditto.

You get your money's worth or your maney back. Dr. Simmons' Cough Syrup, 50 doses for 50 cents, and money returned if not satisfied. Manufactured by A. C. Simmons Jr., Medicine Company, Sherman, Texas.

### Attention, Farmers!

At the Emerson warehouse we have corn of all kinds and sorghum seed for sale to farmers at low prices. Call on H. C. Killingsworth at his scales.

Mrs. F. L. Dormant, of Houston is the guest of her mother, Mrs. M. Williams, here.

A few months ago, Mr. Byron Every, of Woodstock, Mich., was badly afflicted with rheumatism. His right leg was swollen the full length, causing him great suffering. He was advised to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm. The first bottle of it helped him considerably and the second bottle effected a cure. The 25 and 50 cent sizes are for sale by City Drug Store.

Terry Sledge was convicted in the county court this week on a charge of disturbance. His fine and cost amount to about $80.

Why suffer with cold feet when you can buy a remedy in the shape of a hot water bottle. We have them as cheap as 90c. Smith Bros.

### LIST OF LETTERS.

Remaining unclaimed in the postoffice, at McKinney, Tex. Feb. 18, '97, which, if unclaimed in two weeks, will be sent to Dead Letter Office at Washington, D. C.

LADIES.

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| Davis Lue | Martin Adela |
| Fairies Georgie | Morten Edith |
| Fortner Eliza | Roberson Wildy |
| Gist Carry | Roberson Deahe |
| Bevel F M | Snyder Florence |
| Jenkins Eva | Stirges Manda |
| Levler George R | Sinter Bell |
| McMinneway Martha L | |
| Mary Wilson | Morris Emma |

GENTLEMEN.

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| Allen Joseph | Kimberland I J |
| Barnes Henry | Mathews R L |
| Bailey Willie | Marley I D |
| Barrett A S | Milroy A A |
| Barrett & Tucker | Myres C C |
| Caleway Robert | Morris Boscoe 2 |
| Carrol Milt | Orenduff V M |
| Clarkson C H | Shephard Listley |
| Cox J H | Skelton Thomas R |
| Hill D J | Stovall John 2 |
| Houna A J | Tytious Jim |
| Horn Tommie | Tucker Albert |
| Horn R C | Thompson E H |
| Hunter Kinnig | Walker Gail |
| Hudson L J | Walters Gail |
| Jeking Y I | Walters Elmer J |
| Kendle Ram | Young Bud |

Persons calling for letters on this list must say "advertised" or they may fail to get them.
MRS. M. A. CAMERON,
Postmistress.

I don't pretend to sell at cost, but when in need of groceries and tinware, it will pay you to see me.

Mate Barnett.

Master John Carpenter is visiting his uncle, Master Graves Carpenter, near Plano this week.

The BUCKSKIN BREECHES are good at the start and they stay good longer than any Jeans Pants made. After we found that they wore the best, we started in for fit and looks. We now make the best pants as to wear, and then they fit and look better than many custom made dress pants. Our cutters are experts. Ask your dealer about them.

J. C. Manning, who shot Pearl Wilson near Weston last fall, was arrested Tuesday by Sheriff Coffey. Manning was out on a $500 bond for appearance before the grand jury.

The idea that a dentifrice must contain a gritty substance has long since been exploded. Try Opal Creme, at Smith Bros and be convinced.

A big line of Fancy Stamped Linen at M. Aron & Co's.

Goostree & Houston invite every reader of this to visit their grocery store when in McKinney—opposite J. P. Dowell's.

Triumph, N. Y. Rose, Peerless and Burbank seed potatoes at W. E. Ditto's.

Misses Ernie Stiff and Ona Cameron spent Saturday and Sunday the guests of Mrs. Good Graves.

We call the attention of friends that Little Master Glenn McCuller is industriously working up quite a business for the Denison Steam Laundry, and having seen some of their work we think no mistake will be made in patronizing the young man.

Burpee's, Ferry's and Bartelle's garden seed at W. E. Ditto's.

An elegant line of Laces at M. Aron & Co's.

Miss Georgia Cannon, of Van Alstyne, came down Tuesday and is the guest of Miss Laura Wallace.

We carry ten brands of the most popular 10c cigars sold in this section.
Smith Bros.

Constipation causes more than half the ills of women. Karl's Clover Root Tea is a pleasant cure for constipation For sale by C. C. Provine.

Prompt service and polite attention are accorded all customers at Goostree & Houston's.

Do you need a new atomizer? Our store is the place to buy it. We have them that are for oily preparations; also some aqueous and alcoholic. Our prices are not too high.

Smith Bros.

A. C. Varner's new delivery wagon drawn by his span of beautiful blacks never fails to attract a second glance of the passerby.

A beautiful line of Embroideries at M. Aron & Co's.

A visit to the Nickle Store will repay you, when in McKinney.

Garden seed in bulk, onion seed and onion sets at close prices at W. E. Ditto's.

Mrs. Mary Lewis, the aged mother-in-law of S. D. Hatler and an old Texas settler, is lying very low with fever at Mr. Hatler's residence near Melissa.


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**DR. PRICE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER**

MOST PERFECT MADE.

A pure Grape Cream of Tartar Powder. Free from Ammonia, Alum or any other adulterant.

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# A GAME OF CHECKERS

## AS IT IS PLAYED BY

# C. L. MISTROT,

## THE CASH MERCHANT.

The trading public of Dallas, Fort Worth and Denison are requested to watch this game carefully. It is expected that the greater part of you will play with us at the game, but those who are tied up to the other side and have to pay tribute to the credit concerns and can't pay cash for your goods, we would say to you: Watch our game; watch each movement, and then see the result We have gone to Kings, as you will see from the position of the pawns.

THE KINGS HERE SHOW THE POSITION THAT C. L. MISTROT, THE CASH MERCHANT, HOLDS RELATIVE TO THE DRY GOODS TRADE. The condition of the times have demanded a Player at Checkers in the Dry Goods trade who played in a manner to coincide with the present conditions of the public purse. The great lever which moved these pawns on the board is the omnipotent cash. The people demand 100 cents on the dollar for their wages; in other words, they demand Full Value on their purchases. Why should it not be so? Have the people not a right to these just demands, especially in times of stagnation and panics, as we have undergone? The people demand only what is right. The wage earner has wished for these many years for a Dry Goods concern like istrot's in their midst, and now it is no more a dream, it is a reality. We have played on the chess board and we have pushed ahead to the kingdom. Our sentinels with frowning and dismal and gloomy looks to the high priced concerns, have a brighter reflection near by, which make merry the hearts of our patrons.

Rice, 20 pounds for $1.00
50c dozen, Honey Comb Towels.
$2.50, Boys' Long Pants Suits.
5c Tomatoes, (1 can limit).
$1.29 Ladies Skirts.
38c Mistrot's Teas.
Garrett Snuff, 20c.
15c for 25c to 50c Pants.
$1.00 Men's Sample Hats.
99c Friedlander's $1.50 Knee Pants.
$1.50 Men's Sample Shoes.
Misses Sample Shoes, ⅓ off

50c Empress Flour, 25 pounds.
10c Terry's Black Hose ½ price.
1 cent, Matches.
$1.50 Friedlander's $2 Knee Suits.
10c Axe Handles.
5c Knee Pants.
15c Mixed Teas.
$1.00 Ladies Sample Shoes.
$1.98 Men's Sample Shoes.
$1.50 Ladies Sample Shoes.
$1.98 Men's Sample Shoes, ⅓ off
Men's Sample Shoes, ⅓ off, $1.50.

$2.00 $1.00 $4.50 $5.00 $1.98 5¢ $1.98

3 CENTS — Table Sack Salt.

5¢

15 CENTS — California Fruits

$5.00 — Friedlander's $7 to $9 Fine Suits.

8⅓¢

$7.50 — Friedlanders $10 to $15 Fine Suits.

1¢

10 CENTS. — 4-ply Brooms

8⅓¢

$4.50

5 CENTS. — Arm and Hammer Soda.

$1.88

15 CENTS — Lion Coffee.

$1.50

$1.00 — 22½ pounds White Sugar

50 CENTS. — Friedlander's 75c and $1.00 Underwear

38¢

10 CENTS — Brooms 30c grade

16 CENTS — Dr. Price's 25c Baking Powder.

50¢

$1.98 — Friedlander's $3.00 to $5.00 Pants

$1.25

$3.50 — All Our $5.00 Capes

$6.50

75 CENTS — Terry & Co.'s $1 and $1.25 Percale Shirts.

$2.50

29 CENTS. — Star Tobacco.

50¢

4¢

$1.00 — Forty Pounds Beans.

5 CENTS — Men's 10c Handkerchiefs Mixed Lot.

10¢

50 CENTS — Terry & Co.'s 75c and 85c Percale Shirts

$1.00

2 CENTS. — Terry & Co.'s 5c to 8c Laces.

$1.48

25 CENTS — Dr. Price's Baking Powder 40c Quality.

18 CENTS — Terry's 25c Dress Goods.

$2.25

$1.00 — Men's Stiff Hats, Samples.

20¢

Can Peas 5 CENTS.

$1.69

Wash Boards 15 CENTS.

50¢

Can Corn 5 CENTS.

25¢

22½¢

85 CENTS — Misses Sample Shoes 12 to 2

$1.00

Twent Pounds for $1.00 Muscatel Raisins.

$2.00

7 1-2 CENTS. — Evaporated Apples

$5.00

All $1.00 Capes 69 CENTS.

2¢

88 CENTS — Dozen Linen Napkins

$4.50 — Mackintoshes $7.50 to $9.00 kinds.

38¢

10 CENTS — Wash Wool Frieze.

10 CENTS — Three-pound Can Peaches.

$1.25

5c AND 10c — Val. Laces

10¢

8 CENTS — Best Oats.

$1.75

8¢

15 CENTS — Ten Cakes Soap

$1.98

5c AND 10c — Terry's Fine Veiling.

$5.00

15 CENTS — Men's Wool Gloves Ladies Wool Gloves.

$2.93

Blankets 58c AND 98c.

1¢

$2.93 — Mackintoshes $5.00 and $6.00 Kinds.

25 CENTS. — Friedlander's 50c Scarfs.

$1.48

50 CENTS — Ten Cans Beans.

25¢

Dress Goods Big Lot, Terry & Co.'s One-Half Price

$1.00

Black Pepper 2 pounds 25 CENTS

$7.50

29 CENTS — Corn Meal per sack 40 pounds

3¢

Goods Advertised are for Quantities on Hand Only---Stock Subject to Immediate Sales. Merchants and Peddlers Will Not Be Supplied. Tnese Goods are for The People. The People need Them, and we will see that they get them, as long as the assortment lasts.

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